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*Report of infectious diseases in Formosa.*TAMSUI, FORMOSA, *January 24, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward you for the Surgeon-General of the United States Marine-Hospital Service information regarding infectious diseases in the Island of Formosa. These reports can not be very complete, excepting so far as they refer to known cases of infectious diseases, as the Japanese Government keeps no statistics of the sanitary condition of the island in general. I can, therefore, only furnish the Department with reports regarding plague, dysentery, etc., when such exists.

The sanitary returns for the period of ten days ended January 10 show 7 cases of plague, 2 fatal, and 1 case of smallpox in Tainan prefecture and 1 case of dysentery in Taipeh prefecture.

For the period of seven days ended January 18, 1 case of plague in Taichu prefecture and 19 new cases of plague in Tainan prefecture, with 1 case cured and 15 fatal and 12 persons still under treatment.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JAMES W. DAVIDSON,
United States Consul.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

MADAGASCAR.

*Sanitary report of Tamatave and Tananarivo plague.*TAMATAVE, *January 18, 1899.*

SIR: Referring to my cablegram to the Department of November 28, and subsequent dispatches Nos. 28 and 29 of December 3 and 25, respectively, relative to the bubonic plague at this port, I have the honor to transmit to you, herein inclosed, a statement of cases, deaths, and nationalities from November 26 to date, compiled from official sources. I also have the honor to say: While there is a diminution of cases of the plague, fatalities daily continue, the death rate being on an average about 5 per diem. These cases are almost wholly among the native population, Indians, Chinese, and Creoles from Reunion and Mauritius.

I am, your obedient servant,

M. W. GIBBS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Sanitary report for the port of Tamatave from November 26 to January 18, 1899, and résumé of the smallpox at Tananarivo.

[Inclosure.]

	a Bubonic plague.	Fever.	Beriberi.	b Smallpox
Number of deaths (Europeans).....	3	.....	.....	.....
Number of cases (Europeans).....	3	.....	.....	.....
Number of deaths (Creoles, Hindoos, and Chinese).....	37	.....	.....	.....
Number of deaths (natives).....	160	.....	.....	.....
Number of deaths (total).....	200	.....	.....	.....
Number of cases (total).....	300	.....	.....	.....
Number of cases.....	15	.....	.....	.....
Number of deaths.....	17	.....	.....	.....
Number of cases.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Number of deaths.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Prevalent at Tananarivo—	.....	.....	.....	.....
Number of cases.....	.....	.....	.....	123
Number of deaths.....	.....	.....	.....	6

a The death rate from the plague has been about 64 per cent.

b The smallpox at Tananarivo is under control.